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6/3/04 (S)*AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed February 24, 2004, for which a shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on May 24, 2004. This response is timely filed, if filed on or before May 24, 2004 in accordance with 37 CFR 1.8 and therefore no extension fee is due.

In response to the Office Action it is respectfully requested that the following amendment be entered in order to put the claims in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.